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Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) Sign-Up

Auburn, AL - The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) from February 4 to February 15, 2002, at local offices. Approximately $450,000 is available for cost-sharing in Alabama for Fiscal Year 2002.

FIP supports good forest management practices on privately owned, non-industrial forest lands. It is designed to benefit the environment while meeting future demands for wood products. Cost-sharing is available for tree planting, timber stand improvement, and site preparation for natural regeneration.

According to NRCS State Conservationist Bob Jones, "Forest Survey information for Alabama indicates that over 1 million acres of non-industrial private forest land needs timber stand improvement and 2.3 million acres need tree planting.   There are also over 500,000 acres of openland that could be planted to trees."

For more information about the FY-2002 FIP sign-up, call or visit your local NRCS Office.

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